

The Bethel Courier.

BETHEL, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1893.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS. We learn that Moses Patten, Esq., is laying the foundation of a large building on Spring street. It is to be eighty one feet in length. The lower floor will be occupied for a store and shops. The second story will be devoted to a Hall, and the third story to two Halls. It will be a great improvement to the village.

ACCIDENT. Mr. Joel Foster of Newry was severely injured, on Monday last, by the fall of a roof upon him, on which several men were at work. As it fell the rafters slid off the building rolling him off to the ground. Several of his ribs, and the flesh of one leg were badly injured. He suffered very much, but was more comfortable yesterday. Several others were slightly injured.

We have never known more than half so many goods in our stores as at present. Moreover they are, especially in the Dry Goods Department, of a most excellent quality. There are now nearly 20 stores and shops in this village where goods of different kinds are for sale. Business seems to be unusually brisk throughout the village.

We have received a fine lot of minerals from the limestone quarries at Rockland, from the new Landlord of the Bethel House, Mr. Lovejoy. They exhibit all the different grades of limestone and marble as they exist in the quarry, while the specimens of calcareous spar are very elegant. He also gave us a specimen of fossiliferous limestone, which is now brought to the U. S. stores from the W. Indies, and ground up for guano and sold at thirty-three dollars per ton. Now this limestone is no better than any other for agricultural purposes and the parties engaged in such work should be exposed.

Who borrowed our spade some months since? The blade was strapped with iron by our blacksmith. If the possessor will inform us where it is we will give it. Can't afford to lose it.

We have visited several times the class in Penmanship in the Acad. emy under the care of Mr. Enoch Foster, Jr., and are highly pleased with the progress made by his pupils. He has proved himself a very successful teacher in the *Chirographer* art.

Mr. F. S. Chandler has purchased the lot of land at the head of Broad street for a dwelling house. We congratulate him on securing so pleasant a spot. It is one of the pleasantest lots in the village.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26. Arrangements have been made for the continuance of the weekly line of Canadian steamers, to run to this port instead of Quebec through the winter and spring, commencing with the Hungarian, which will leave Liverpool for Portland November 2, and Portland for Liverpool on the 20th.

Letters to Mr. Cumberland, agent of the Great Eastern, from the company, by the Ocean Queen, state that the steamer would sail within three or four days of the time fixed—the 20th.

Bro. Littlefield of the Clarion has had his portmanteau filled with Lake Trout, Moose-stake and Potatoes. His patrons evidently understand the nature of consumptive people.

From the Minutes of the Calvinist Loyal Association, of Oxford Co., we learn that there are 20 churches and 1459 members.

Our readers will notice the singing school to commence at the Vestry next Monday Eve. Dr. Barker is a good singer, and we doubt not will give good satisfaction.

The people of Calais are making subscription towards a monument to the late Senator Brooks.

OUR PIG.

We have three pigs. They are as cunning in their looks as any three men you can find. One of them looks like a young and port looking lawyer, who with quill over his ear is listening to the charge of the judge to the jury for the first time. When spoken to, his ears are erect, his little black eyes twinkle and he listens to every word, and if what he hears don't please him, he utters forth a simple negation, and runs away just as fast as his owner does when he comes in contact with two quarrelling politicians.

The second one reminds us of a tin peddler. He has pretty large ears but a small head. When spoken to, he sits on his haunches, and scans your looks without saying a word until he has thoroughly read your character. If he thinks favorably of you, he approaches cautiously and is ready to trade in anything that can be swallowed. He always contrives to leave you indebted to him before you retire.

The third reminds us of a certain Editor of our acquaintance. He has two eyes and one nose. He is always busy, rooting the ground and leaving the marks of his industry behind him. Speak to him, and if you have any news to tell him, he will stop rooting, otherwise he labors on. He is always fond of receiving presents, and if in a state of destitution is very public in his complaints. Sometimes a fit of abstraction seizes him and he is then wholly absorbed in his own thoughts. They are three such marked characters that we like to look at them every day. If they possess in their youth such prominent traits, we think that they will distinguish themselves by the end of 1860.

The Editor of the Kennebec Journal has been writing a series of sketches from his Back Window and finds abundant material for his pen, whereas the Editor of the Age dashes out of his Side Window and at a single bound finds himself among the stars. However much they may clash in politics they certainly have room enough on these themes to exercise all their powers without interference.

Has Bro. Ellwell exhausted all those House Sketches in the Transcript?

WATERVILLE COLLEGE. From a Catalogue just published, we learn that there are 14 Seniors, 14 Juniors, 35 Sophomores, 51 Freshmen, and 3 in the Partial course. The College is in a highly flourishing condition.

THE UNION IN DANGER.—The U. B. Society of Gould's Academy discussed the following question this week: Resolved, That the annexation of Maine to Canada would be beneficial to the people of said State.

Mr. F. S. Chandler having retired from two Bethel House, it has entered into the possession of Mr. Lovejoy, who, we think by his looks, will make a capital landlord.

WASHINGTON NEWS. Washington, Oct. 26. Attorney General Black has requested the United States District attorney of Maine to furnish all the facts attending the case of Capt. Holmes, in whose behalf an effort is now made to effect a commutation of his sentence for the murder of a sailor or the high seas.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for Nov. is received. It is under the direction of Messrs Ticknor & Fields. The present number is well filled with interesting matter. Persons wishing to subscribe for the next volume can have that and the Courier for \$3.00 per year.

The Concord (N. H.) Patriot, after quoting extracts from private letters of ex-President Pierce, showing that his determination is fixed "never again to be candidate for any office," says that "his name, under no possible circumstances," will be presented to the Charleston Convention.

Mr. Giddings, of Oio., has published a card denying that he had been consulted about the Virginia expedition of Brown.

For the Courier.
OUR COURIER.—These scribbles seem worth a place in your paper so I will try our hand again.

Oct. 12. As we are passing through Albany, Oxford Co., Me., our curiosity leads us to take a peep into the Basins, one of those beautiful, secluded spots so much neglected. Were this spot in some distant State, or across the Atlantic, we should hear of its charms from the pen of many an admirer of nature's wilds.

13. Resuming our journey, we arrived at Paris Hill in time to enjoy dinner at the expense of one of the County Clerks, who makes money by recording the disputes of men who pay lawyers for settling their business instead of settling it themselves. After dinner we took a view of the Universalist Chapel being erected by Thomas Holt of Bethel, whose skill as an Architect is exhibited in this fine edifice. Upon entering the Chapel the first object that attracted our notice, was a beautiful Greek Cross in the rear of the desk, supported by pillars which appeared to form a large back ground. Feeling a curiosity to get near the cross we thought to step between the pillars and view it from beneath, imagine our surprise at finding ourselves against a freestone wall. A query arose in my mind, is it right to practise deception in such a place as this?

Leaving this beautiful County Seat of Oxford, we continued our journey over hills covered with fine orchards, until we arrived at Buckfield Village snugly nestled in the valley of Twenty Mile River which is the outlet of a small Lakelet in the town of Sumner called Labrador, noted for its trout fisheries.

While passing through Buckfield we were reminded of the growing enterprise of Maine in railroad building, although the road passing this village is of questionable utility, as the cattle guards are so constructed as to require the firemen to remove a board fence every time the train passes.

At a late hour we arrived at Turner Village, 6 miles below Buckfield, on the same stream. Here we were witness of an accident by which two ladies were badly injured by being thrown from a carriage; the horse being struck by one of them, became unmanageable and ran away.

This village was favored with the business of a large Woolen Factory, until 6 years ago when it was burned, which depressed business very much, but the ever-lasting and pegging business is carried on with much energy.

14th. Leaving Turner Village we directed our course to Sumner, the scene of an Agricultural Fair. A fine collection of stock was here exhibited. A description of one specimen will give an idea of stock raised in Sumner and Buckfield; a Durham animal, two years old in May last, weighing 1900 lbs, girth 7 feet, very symmetrically formed and gentle temper. You can judge of the show of vegetables, judging them to be in proportion to a squash which weighed 86 lbs, which fact we are sure of as we were obliged to make strong effort before raising it. Ladies' Fair may be judged by a specimen of embroidered flannel with a part cotton; we should think 1 lb. of white silk most wittingly fixed in.

In our next we will speak of the Buckfield & Sumner Infantery which, with their gay uniform and fine music, enlivened the scene, and made us feel that truly our country is safe.

ORADIAN.

BEDFORD. Singular Cause of Death. A man named Daniel Lewis, about forty years of age, while playing with a bull dog about a month ago, was severely bitten in the hand. He had the wound dressed, but so strongly was the man impressed with the fear of hydrophobia, that he was last week attacked with sudden illness, which resulted fatally. Physicians in attendance upon the unfortunate man state that in this case there was a decided horror of liquids, but an absence of spasms, and that death was the result of brain or typhoid fever.

BOYS BEWARE.

You have heard that Dr. Davis lost his son Charles, 10 years of age, by drowning in the mill pond of Looka Mills, Greenwood, Oct. 10. He was an intelligent and promising youth, and had just received quite a present from his school teacher, and was heard to pray the night before he was drowned. Now boys I say to you all, beware and not visit places of danger. Never go unless duty calls you there, nor stay there when duty is done.

Beware boys of bad company, "evil communications corrupt good manners." "If sinners entice thee consent not." "Go not in the way of evil men." Beware of swearing or using bad language. It matters not if others do swear. You should not, "thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Instead of swearing you should learn to pray. Not only to say the Lords prayer, but to pray. Could not every child of sufficient age learn and offer the following prayers with sincere heart. "O Lord for Christ's sake pardon my sins, and prepare me for heaven."

Beware boys of Sabbath breaking. Read none but the bible and religious books on the Sabbath. I saw two boys one Sabbath morning, and one of them was inclined to play, the other about four years old as serious as a judge said. "You must not play its Sunday." This showed at once the influence of parental training. Now, boys, when you feel like playing Sundays. Think of the 4th Commandment. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Beware of disobeying your parents. This is a great sin in the sight of God, and leads to many others. The boy who breaks the law of his parents will or may soon break the law of the land, and find his way to ruin. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." "This is the first Commandment with promise." Joseph of old was a good boy, read his history in Genesis, 37 chapter. Samuel was a good boy, and like Joseph came to honor. Josiah was a good boy and became a King when but 8 years of age. Timothy knew the scriptures from his youth and became a faithful minister of the Gospel. Read the histories of these good boys in the bible, and try to be like them for good boys make good men and God says "They that honor me I will honor, and they that seek me early shall find me." I hope the boys who read this paper do not need to be warned against the filthy, poisonous, and expensive habit of smoking. Touch not, taste not, handle not. A little boy called into a neighbors house and heard the father praying in the family, when he reached home he said "Father why can't you pray. Mr. says—This touched his heart and brought tears to his eyes, and led him to pray first in secret then in his family. He found peace with God, and soon his wife was converted. What a happy family. See what a little boy can do. E. DAVIES.

Bethel Oct. 26th.

THE WANDERER.—The Savannah News says that Capt. W. Black, the shipping master, and Edward Talbot, a runner, called on Capt. Martin alias Patton, for their pay for services in shipping the crew, and were invited on board the Wanderer. They went and were compelled to remain on board while the vessel made her way out of the harbor. At their earnest solicitation, they were at last allowed to take their boat and depart. As they went over the side, Capt. Martin said to them: "Now go—my name is Patton, I am bound for the Coast of Africa for a cargo of negroes—give my respects to the people of Savannah, and tell them to—". The conclusion of his speech was not heard but may be imagined.

The crew, fourteen in number, were shipped by Mr. Hays, ostensibly for a voyage to Matanzas. Captain Martin saw and conversed with each man before he was engaged.

LETTER B, Oct. 22, 89.

EDITOR:—The Bear I had advertised in the Courier some time ago, has turned up at last. I found him in one of my traps yesterday, with the veritable chain about his neck about seven miles from my house. He had some grease on his carcass and a handsome coat of fur on his back. I therefore take back all suspicion of theft or foul play from the good people of this country. Mr. Charles Abbott, the bear hunter, still believes I turned him out to pasture, until his fur should grow good and he be in condition for the table, to save the life of my pigs, or for economy, as he has it; for the brute did love sour milk and we had but one cow. So that as it may I think it more profitable keeping them in the woods than in the yard, still there is a difficulty in finding them when one wants them most, unless they pay them in the Courier!

There was one curious thing about the chain on his neck, which was very tight—his neck did not grow and choke him as I had supposed it would, but kept loose, and conformed to the chain, and grew up large each side.

This is the sixty third bear I have killed in the last thirteen years and for three years of the time I did not hunt them. At some future time I will tell you something of their nature and habits, as I understand them.

Very Truly Yours,
J. G. RICH.

[We hope to hear frequently from you.—Ed.]

SONS OF TEMPERANCE. The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance met at the Hall of the Forest City Division in Portland. The attendance was the largest ever held in the State. The meeting was presided over by S. L. Carlton, Esq., G. W. P.

The G. W. P.'s report spoke of the encouraging condition of the Order throughout the State, and the Order was generally harmonious and prosperous.

The Grand Scribe reported the number of members and visitors initiated during the present quarter at about 3,000, and the whole number in the State about 13,000 in very nearly equal numbers, the Order having increased about 9,000 during the year. The whole number of Divisions in the State was 150, number instituted during the past year 98, with several defunct ones revived; number of Divisions chartered during the past quarter 37, while only one has surrendered its charter, and but seven during the year.

Officers. J. S. Kimball, G. W. P., Bangor; Wm. G. Hobbs, G. W. A., North Yarmouth; H. K. Morrill, G. S., Gardiner; E. C. Lowe, G. T., Waterville; D. B. Ricker, G. C., Portland; G. W. Hodgkins, G. S., Boothbay; E. W. Jackson, G. C., Gorham.

The largest bar of gold ever brought to this country was received by the American Exchange Bank, New York, on Monday, from California, by the steamer Star of the West. It weighed 227 ounces, was 12 inches long, 5 1-2 inches deep, 4 inches wide, and worth \$41,226. It has been sold for shipment to England.

COCAINE. The merits and advantages of this preparation, made by Joseph Barnett & Co., of Boston, for restoring the healthy condition and growth of the Hair; and also its fine qualities as a Hair dressing, meet the wants of many for an article of this nature, that should be really beneficial in a permanent manner, and at the same time be a superior dressing for the Hair, and thus fully adapted to the toilet table. The permanent character of its effects and restorative influence, render it the most economical application that can be used for these purposes. Barnett's *Hairstone*, made by the same chemists, has obtained almost a world-wide reputation for its prompt beneficial influence upon the beauty of the complexion, and health and texture of the skin.

INTERESTING FROM THE AMOOR RIVER. By way of San Francisco we have interesting intelligence from the Amoor country, where the Russian government is actively engaged, with the assistance of American engineers, machinery and munitions, in developing the resources of Russian Asia. We copy the following items from the San Francisco papers:

The Russian government was preparing for the construction of a large fortress below the settlement of Nicolai, a town situated on the north bank of the Amoor, having a population of about 3000 souls, including soldiers, government officials, &c. At this town the government has erected a large machine shop and foundry, the works for which of every kind were made at Philadelphia, at a cost of over \$300,000; and there are now over five hundred tons of American made machinery landed and waiting the construction of the buildings, in which great numbers of Russian laborers are employed. The greatest favor is shown to Americans, whose enterprises are encouraged, and who fill every position in the place requiring mechanical skill—such as machinists, engineers, &c.

Among the residents there, representing leading commercial houses in the United States are Mr. F. A. Hall, Jr., of the well known house of Henry A. Pierce in Boston; Mr. R. G. O. Chase, the agent of Mr. Boardman, of India wharf, Boston; Mr. Burling, and others. The entire government works, engineering, construction of buildings, machinery, vessels, &c., is under the supervision of Mr. John H. Bar, formerly an engineer in the employ of the P. M. S. S. Co.

The loss of the American *Laurel* Melita, in the Amoor river, has been recorded. The crew were taken in charge by the government, clothed and furnished with comfortable to gings. The Rev. Mr. Collins, who was on board the Melita, en route from Honolulu to Jeddah, was kindly received by the government in person, and forwarded in the Russian steamer *Platoon* to Japan.

Last fall an American whale ship was wrecked in the Ochotsk Sea, on such an inhospitable and secluded coast that there seemed no likelihood of their being saved from perishing with hunger and cold. By means of the natives, information reached Nicolai, where the Governor immediately dispatched assistance, the shipwrecked people brought to Nicolai, where they were comfortably housed and fed during the winter, and in the following spring sent away in an American whaler. These instances of kindness are not unrecalled, and illustrate the cordial feeling of the Russians towards their American visitors.

A company of Americans had secured the privilege of navigating the Amoor, and had launched a small steamer adapted to that purpose, by means of which the American houses located at Nicolai expected to supply all Siberia with American goods.

THE SUPPOSED GREAT FORGER. We understand that a Maine officer reached this city Friday, having an executive warrant from Gov. Morrill to Gov. Banks, claiming the person of the man arrested at Haverhill a week or two since under the assumed name of Masterton for attempting to pass a forged check, and who is also charged with having obtained \$800 by a forged check, from the Manufacturers, and Traders' Bank Portland, in March last, and \$1200 from the Arcade Bank, Providence, in April last. He will probably be taken to Maine for trial. It is also thought, that he has obtained money in a similar manner in other parts of the country. *Boston Traveller.*

MAN KILLED.—The train on the Boston and Maine Railroad from Boston Falls to Boston, between six and seven o'clock yesterday morning, while going round a curve near East Kingston, ran over a man who was instantly killed. When the engineer first saw the man, he was lying with his head upon the track, but the train was too near to be stopped. The cowcatcher struck the man and threw him nearly two rods, his ears were passed over him—the wheels literally mangled him in pieces. Nothing could be found of his head but the tongue, and the body was found two rods from the body, still beating! The man was said to be an Irishman of intemperate habits.

A yew which was exhibited as an old Poland, lately managed to escape, and killed about twenty persons. It was not until it had held entire supremacy of the surrounding country for six days that the animal was finally overcome by the poor rustic.

QUEEN VICTORIA is in her forty-first year, and is the mother of nine children.

PROSPECTUS

The Second Volume of our paper commences December 1st.
Dr. N. T. Fane, will continue as Editor. The Courier will be thoroughly in possession in its tone, general and editorial character; its aims will be high, the object of its conductor will be to publish the "Truth" without fear, favor or guile, and to inculcate principles of the high interests of society.

The continuance of the Courier is no longer a matter of experiment. Its constantly increasing subscription list, the service of an agent for an hour, is the best evidence of its success that we present. It now finds its way to almost every State and Territory in the Union, wherever the sons and daughters of Bethel go, there the Courier finds its way, gladdens the hearts and homes of those it serves.

We wish to make the Courier a readable paper, one that shall have useful and entertaining matter every week. We hope to make it still more useful for the year to come. The History of the Town we have continued through the last year, and we shall have greater facilities for making it a good paper.

We believe that its location has been brought to an advantageous point. It is an interesting sheet for all, while it is carefully posted in all the local news of the vicinity.

The Publisher tenders his thanks to his friends for their interest in his behalf, and respectfully solicits a continuance of it.

Terms.—One Dollar in advance, or On Delivery and Fully Paid at the end of the year.

Communications for the paper to be addressed to the Editor, Business Letters to the Publisher.

THE OUTBREAK AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON. Brief mention has been made of an outbreak at the California State Prison. It appears that about 150 of the prisoners were engaged in loading a schooner with bricks, the vessel being moored a short distance from the shore, when they seized the man who was guarding them, carried him on board the schooner, imprisoned the captain and mate in the hold, made all sail with haste, and stood out into the open bay. But in their hurry and excitement they forgot that the vessel was moored to the buoy, and as soon as she had run out the length of her fast, it swung her round and brought her in the wind. In the meanwhile the guard on shore became aware of the facts, and immediately commenced a cannonade on the schooner. The prisoners on board, numbering about eighty, seized the captive overboard and held him up in plain sight, in hopes that the guard on shore would cease firing as soon as they beheld the jeopardy of their companion; but they were deceived, for the firing continued with vigor until the prisoners showed the white flag, and surrendered. Three of the prisoners were killed and eleven wounded. The captive overboard was also shot in the arm, and will probably lose the limb.

The Waterville Mail says that the wife of Mr. Moses Yerrish, a Frenchman who lives on the Plain, was terribly and probably fatally burned by burning fluid, on Monday evening, when she was filling a lighted lamp from a jug, when the flame caught the same and she threw the jug from her in such a manner as to set fire to the clothes of two of her children. In her effort to save them the flames caught her own clothing, and she rushed out doors, where some men who came to her help succeeded in extinguishing the fire; but not till she was so badly burned that it is said to be impossible for her to survive long. The children were badly burned; but not fatally.

The Universalists held their Conference in this village, next Wednesday and Thursday.

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